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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: PROPOSED US-SOVIET DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
MODIFICATION RESOLUTION

REF: STATE 258974 (NOTAL)

FOR ACDA AND IO

1. US AND SOVIET DELOFFS HAVE AGREED ON TEXT OF DRAFT
ENMOD RES AD REFERENDUM TO CAPITALS. DELS ALSO AGREED,
UPON RECEIVING APPROVAL OF TEXT SET OUT BELOW, TO
APPROACH PROSPECTIVE CO-SPONSORS WITH VIEW TO HAVING
DRAFT RES TABLED DURING WEEK OF NOV. 24. SOVIETS ENVISAGE
THAT CO-SPONSORS WOULD NUMBER 10-12, DRAWN FROM EASTERN
AND WESTERN ALLIES AND NON-ALIGNED BOTH WITHIN AND OUT-
SIDE CCD, AND INCLUDING US AND USSR.

2. DEL BELIEVES DRAFT RES FULLY MEETS CRITERIA
SET FORTH IN REFTEL. WE ARE PERHAPS LESS SANGUINE
THAN SOVIETS ON EASE OF ACQUIRING CO-SPONSORS; IN
PARTICULAR, CCD NON-ALIGNED MAY BE RELUCTANT IN LIGHT OF
SWEDISH REP THORSSON'S ANALYTIC CRITIQUE OF US-SOVIET
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TREATY TEXT IN HER NOV 14 FIRST COMMITTEE STATEMENT (SEPTTEL).

WE BELIEVE US AND USSR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO CO-SPONSOR WITHOUT OTHERS IF DIFFICULTY DEVELOPS IN OBTAINING BROADER AND BALANCED CO-SPONSORSHIP.

3. TEXT OF RES WAS PRODUCED ON BASIS OF ORIGINAL SOVIET DRAFT BUT HAS BEEN MODIFIED IN SEVERAL RESPECTS TO CONFORM TO OUR GUIDANCE. WE (AND SOVDEL) BELIEVE THAT OPERATIVE PARA 1 APPROPRIATELY STATES DESIRABILITY OF TRYING TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATION OF ENMOD TREATY DURING CCD'S 1976 SESSION WITHOUT SUGGESTING THAT US AND USSR INTEND TO "RAILROAD" TEXT THROUGH COMMITTEE.

4. REQUEST CONCURRENCE IN DEL'S PROCEEDING AS INDICATED ABOVE ON BASIS OF FOLLOWING TEXT:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING THAT IN ITS RESOLUTION 3264(XXIX) OF 9 DECEMBER 1974 IT REQUESTED THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVING AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF A CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF ACTION TO INFLUENCE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES;

CONVINCED THAT THE CONCLUSIONS OF SUCH A CONVENTION WOULD SERVE TO SPARE MANKIND FROM THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES, AND THEREBY CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING PEACE AND SVERTING THE THREAT OF WAR;

CONVINCED ALSO THAT SUCH A CONVENTION SHOULD NOT INHIBIT THE DEVELOPMENT OR USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (A/10027 DATED 3 OCTOBER 1975),
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AS IT RELATES TO THIS QUESTION;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE DELEGATIONS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SUBMITTED AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT IDENTICAL DRAFTS OF A CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES;

1. REQUESTS THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, BEARING IN MIND EXISTING PROPOSALS AS WELL AS RELEVANT DISCUSSION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WITH A VIEW TO REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT, IF POSSIBLE DURING THE COMMITTEE'S 1976 SESSION, ON THE TEXT OF A CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES, AND TO SUBMIT A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT ALL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE DISCUSSION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE ITEM ENTITLED "PROHIBITION OF ACTION TO INFLUENCE THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE FOR MILITARY AND OTHER HOSTILE PURPOSES INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, HUMAN WELL-BEING AND HEALTH";

3. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION AN ITEM ENTITLED "CONVENTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES: REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT."

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